Administrative vacancies in A and N Islands

147. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of administrative vacancies are still existing in Andaman and Nicobar Islands in all categories;

(b) if so, since when and the reasons for not filling up such vacancies; and

(c) the present strength of officers/staff and whether Government proposes to increase the number thereof for the speedy development of A and N Islands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Posts are vacant from different dates. Some of the reasons for non filling up of the posts *inter-alia* include non-availability of ST candidates, non-availability of suitable candidates against technical posts, non clearance from UPSC, non revival of posts affected by ban orders etc.

(c) Existing sanctioned strength is given below:

(i) Group "A"	—	601
(ii) Group "B"	—	2427
(iii) Group "C"	—	12472
(iv) Group "D"	—	8539
Total:	—	24039

Additional posts are created as and when justified.

Lack of police manpower and skills to deal with terrorism

148. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has admitted that 30 per cent of the manpower in the police neither has the knowledge nor the skills to deal with the threats faced from Maoist and terrorist organisations;

(b) if so, whether not a single subinspector has been recruited in Bihar and Jharkhand in the last 14 years;

(c) whether this admission by the Ministry has come a day after around 300 Maoists carried out an audacious jailbreak in Dantewada district of Chhattisgarh; and

(d) if so, the measures and steps to help these States in meeting the Maoists challenge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) This Ministry has made no such statement. Matters regarding State police forces, including their recruitment and training, are dealt with by the concerned State Governments, and the position varies from State to State.

Law and order being a State subject, dealing with the various aspects/issues related to naxalite activities in a State primarily lie in the domain of the concerned State Government.

Concerned State Governments take necessary action to deal with naxalite activities. The Central Government supplements their efforts and resources by a variety of measures that include deployment of Central paramilitary forces which work under the control of the State Government concerned, sanctioning of India Reserve battalions, assistance for strengthening

of the State police and Intelligence agencies, re-imbursement of security-related expenditure, assistance in training of State police forces, sharing of Intelligence, bringing about inter-State coordination and assistance in development works through a range of schemes of various Ministries.

Coastal Police Stations in Andhra Pradesh

149. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of coastal police stations approved for the State of Andhra Pradesh to stop smuggling of explosives, infiltration etc., through coasts;

(b) the details of coastal police stations working as of now in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) how the Coast Guard is coordinating and imparting training to personnel of coastal police;

(d) whether it is also true that Rs. 330 crores has been allocated for coastal police; and

(e) if so, the share of Andhra Pradesh and utilization thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) Six coastal Police Stations (CPSs) have been approved under the Coastal Security Scheme for the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that all the six Police Stations are operational.

(c) The Coast Guard does the coordination and all Technical advice are provided by them. Coast Guard also organizes a 4-week training programme for the Coastal Police personnel. A part of the training is conducted on-board in Coast Guard vessels.

(d) and (e) The total Capital Outlay for the Scheme for whole country including 9 States and 4 UTs is approved as Rs. 400 crores. It is for construction of CPSs, outposts, check posts, barracks, etc. and for purchase of vessels, jeeps and bikes. Rs. 151 crore for recurring expenditure on fuel, maintenance and repair of vessels, and training of personnel.

The approved capital outlay for the State of Andhra Pradesh is Rs. 3267 lakhs, out of which an amount of Rs. 74.10 lakhs has been released to the State of Andhra Pradesh during 2005-06 and Rs. 130.80 lakhs during 2006-07.

ID cards to citizens

150. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is launching any project for issuing ID cards to citizens of India;

(b) whether this gigantic task would be completed before next general election; and

(c) if so, whether this specialized task will be got done through Government organizations or through professional bodies to ensure that accurate details of the person and his photograph etc. are incorporated correctly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (c) The Government proposes to issue Multi-purpose National Identity (Smart)